

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are active in this application, Claims 1-6 having been amended and Claims 22-29 previously withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lapata et al (U.S. Patent 6,686,789) and Claims 7-21 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 7-21.

Re: Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103

In response to the outstanding rejection Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lopata et al., Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention. To that end, Claim 1 has been amended to recite fifth to eighth resistor elements, a third switch and a fourth switch. These elements find support in Applicants' FIG. 5A disclosure and the related discussion in the specification. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the Lapata et al. reference, which does not disclose the recited fifth to eighth resistor elements, third switch and fourth switch. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejection on the merits has been overcome and that amended Claim 1, and dependent Claims 2-6 which depend from Claim 1, define allowable subject matter.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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